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Introducing the New City Safety Officer!!

Hello, my name is Reshan Cooray and I am the new City Safety Officer for the Department of Human Resources. I officially began working with the City on February 2, 2006.

I have been in the Occupation Safety and Health field for the past twelve years, and hold a Masters Degree in Public Health from Loma Linda University. Prior to joining the City of Long Beach, I was the Safety Officer for the County Fire Authority where I focused on employee injury & illness prevention and implemented safety programs.



I am excited to join the City of Long Beach and look forward to working with each of you as well as meeting the challenges of this position.

Tips for keeping Teen Workers Safe on the Job:

- ◆ Give teen workers clear instructions for each task, especially unfamiliar ones. Provide hands-on training on the correct use of equipment. Show them what safety precautions to take. Point out possible hazards. Give them a chance to ask questions.
- ◆ Observe teen workers while they work, and correct any mistakes. Retrain them regularly.
- ◆ Encourage supervisors to take teen workers along on periodic health and safety walk-through inspections to spot hazards and unsafe practices.
- ◆ Encourage teen workers to ask questions and to let you know if there's a problem or when directions are unclear. Make sure young workers feel free to speak up.
- ◆ Prepare teen workers for emergencies-accidents, fires, violent situations, etc. Show them escape routes and explain where to go if they need emergency medical treatment.
- ◆ Supply personal protective equipment when needed-goggles, safety shoes, masks, hard hats, gloves, etc. Be sure young workers know how to use it.
- ◆ Encourage supervisors to set a good example. They are in the best position to influence teen workers' attitudes and work habits.